

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/086,737

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed June 06, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19,21,22,24,25,27,28 and 30-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) None
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Amendment filed June 06, 2006.

Accordingly, claims 19 and 31-33 were amended, and claims 1-18 and 20 were cancelled. Currently, claims 19 and 21-40 are pending in this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Guy Gosell (Reg. No. 34610) on 8/03/2006.

In the claims:

Claim 21: in line 1, delete "20" after "according to claim" and insert --19--.

Claim 23: cancel claim 23.

Claim 26: cancel claim 26.

Claim 29: cancel claim 29.

Claim 34: in line 2, delete "member" after "elastic" and insert --part--.

Claim 35: in line 1, delete "20" after "in accordance with claim" and insert --21--;
in line 2, delete "member" after "elastic" and insert --part--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30-40 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record fairly suggests or shows all of the limitations as claimed. Specifically,

Re claims 19, 31 and 32, none of the prior art of record discloses, in combination with other limitations as claimed, a liquid crystal display arrangement as well as a method for arranging the same comprising a housing including first and second housing parts, a protective window, and an elastic part located between the liquid crystal display and the second housing part, contacting the first housing part and including a portion which contacts an under surface of the protective window to seal a space between a top of the liquid crystal display and the under surface, wherein the elastic part surrounds an inner periphery of the second housing part.

The most relevant references, USPN 5,659,376 to Uehara et al. (Uehara) and USPN 6,352,322 B1 to Nakao, fail to disclose or suggest the elastic part surrounding an inner periphery of the second housing part or contacting the second housing part. As shown in Fig. 23, Uehara only discloses an elastic member 321 formed between a top surface of the liquid crystal display 306 and the protective window 303, wherein the elastic member 321 contacts the first housing part 302 and including a portion (upper portion) which contacts an under surface of the protective window 303 to seal a space between a top of the liquid crystal display and the under surface. Further, as shown in Fig. 25, Nakao discloses an ornamental plate 55 (as a second housing part) formed on top of the windshield 54 (as a protective window) and a rib-like protuberance 97 surrounding the display window 53; however, the rib-like protuberance 97, which has a similar function with the elastic member of Uehara (col. 20, lines 43-50), does not

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surround an inner periphery of the second housing part 55 and does not contact the second housing part 55 as shown in Fig. 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

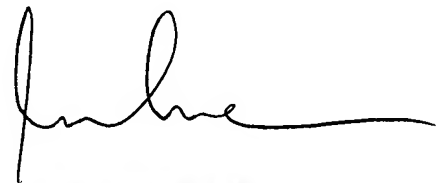
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thoi V. Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms, can be reached at (571) 272-1787.

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